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OIA: 1340027 – Information regarding changes to Ka Ora Ka Ako

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2024 to the office of Associate Minister David Seymour, which was transferred on 15 November 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. Please provide the cost and savings projections and assessments that show the speculated 130M cost savings with the new school lunches program.*
- 2. Also please provide the nutritional assessment and the proposals government received that led to the decision to overhaul the menu and monopolize the vendors.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your **part one** of your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to part one of your request on or before 20 January 2025, which is an extension of 15 working days. Please note, this due date takes into account the summer holidays, from 25 December to 15 January, however we will aim to provide you with our substantive response as soon as possible.

Regarding **part two** of your request, I can advise that the government's decision to change the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme preceded the receipt of any nutritional assessment or proposals. The decision to change the programme then led to the government going out to tender. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.



You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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